



**UNITED STATES ARMY
THE CHIEF OF STAFF**

September 18, 2001

Lieutenant General Thomas J. Plewes
Chief, Army Reserve
2400 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310-2400

Dear General Plewes:

On behalf of the entire Army, I extend our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of those Army Reserve personnel who died or are missing in Washington and New York during the horrific attacks against our Nation on 11 September 2001.

For over 226 years Citizen-Soldiers have served as guardians of our Nation in times of peace and war. Their selfless service and sacrifice strengthens the resolve of our Army and our Nation to fight the forces of hate threatening our way of life. The Army is ready to move forward, with deliberation and a unity of purpose—to fulfill our nonnegotiable contract with the American people to win our Nation's wars.

Words alone cannot begin to alleviate the pain we all feel. Please convey my deep condolences to the families and loved ones of those killed and missing. God bless you, The Army, and the Nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric K. Shinseki". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Eric K. Shinseki
General, United States Army